

## Council Meeting Minutes 7.13.15

Jill called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Jalaine, Eldon and Barb each had letters that they wanted to present to the council—added under correspondence.

Sandy moved, Mark seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Eldon Wilson resigned from Council, effective July 26, 2015.

Jalaine Ruegsegger resigned from Council, effective July 26, 2015.

Barb Berget resigned from Council, effective July 27, 2015.

Brian moved, Elsa seconded to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

Mark moved, Jalaine seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

### Pastor's Report:

Confirmation Sunday will be on July 26<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a presentation of the youth trip that day.

Luke has been visiting the shut-ins and homebound (and taking them directories as needed).

He has also been spending a lot of time showing Todd (the new office secretary) the ropes.

### Pastoral Acts:

Baptism: June 21, 2015: Breken Bruce Wilson (Brad & Bret Wilson)

Baptism: June 28, 2015: Cadyn Thomas Burbach (Wade & Bridget Berget)

Baptism: June 28, 2015: Adalee Grace Berget (Wade & Bridget Berget)

Connie moved, Brian seconded to approve the Pastor's Report. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

#### Education:

The Monroe Evening Times had an article about our church winning the 20 hours of community service through the Habitat for Humanity.

The committee met with Luke to go over the duties of the Education committee, including restarting the Sunday School program on Sunday mornings.

#### Evangelism:

We have received the directories—they are slowly being handed out.

The garden is producing well—lots of veggies available on Sunday mornings.

#### Stewardship:

The committee will be brainstorming fundraising ideas.

#### Worship:

Worship in the Park went really well. There was a lot of help which made everything go a little more smoothly.

#### Property:

Jeremiah and Mark will be opening up the septic system tomorrow (7/14). The risers and the lid are there and ready to go.

Brian and Mark received bids to seal the driveway. One is for \$5300.00 for both the parking lot and parsonage. The other is for \$5800.00 plus an additional \$500.00 for the parsonage.

Brian moved, Mark seconded to accept the committee reports. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

The hiring committee approved hiring of Todd Meier as the Office Secretary. Brian moved, Jalaine seconded to approve the committee's decision. Motion passed.

Todd is keeping track of his time in an effort to try to become more efficient. Todd will be at the office from 4-6pm every Tuesday and Thursday for anyone who needs anything from him/the office.

New Business:

Council received a letter of resignation from Brooke Ames as financial secretary.

As Todd has been learning the duties of the Office Secretary, he has cleaned the entire office space. He has a stack of paperwork that will need to be sorted through to decide which is important and which can be recycled. Because of this, we have realized that we have some important paperwork that we should be a little more protective of. The council is deliberating the purchase of a full, 4-drawer fireproof cabinet vs. scanning everything and saving it to an external hard drive and keeping the electronic backup in a more cost effective fireproof case.

Council has an interview set up for next Monday, 7/20 at 7pm at the church to meet a candidate for the interim pastor position.

Judy and Bill Russell have expressed an interest in becoming a member of our church. They are transferring from another ELCA church, have taken communion and given an offering.

Luke's severance: We have received \$1100 in special donations to go toward Luke's severance (from the last 2 Sundays). Connie researched health insurance options—they ranged from \$346-470 per month. Luke has 2 weeks of unused vacation time that will be paid out. The church will also save approx. \$1100.00 per month in pension and insurance costs.

Jalaine moved that we pay Luke 1.5 months severance, \$800 insurance and his 2 weeks of vacation—a total of \$7,130.68. Sandy seconded. Motion passed.

Brian moved, Elsa seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.